

Interim Hearings – Week of April 11, 2022

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April 12, 2022

House Interim Study Committee on [Criminal Justice Reform](#)

Charge: Criminal procedure and due process from initial detention through appeal, including prosecutorial discretion.

- [Proclamation, Creation of House Interim Study Committee on Criminal Justice Reform](#), Speaker Dade Phelan, March 10, 2022
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#), House Select Committee on Criminal Procedure Reform, December 2014

House Committee on [Urban Affairs](#)

Charge #4: Study the effects of local governance, planning, and administration on the current state of municipal water and wastewater infrastructure. Examine the measures municipally owned utilities have taken and the costs required to maintain and improve that infrastructure. Make recommendations for cost-effective solutions to ensure reliable infrastructure and uninterrupted municipal utility services, especially during a severe weather event.

- ["Winter Storm Uri: A Test of Texas' Water Infrastructure and Water Resource Resilience to Extreme Winter Weather Events," *Journal of Extreme Events*](#), December 31, 2021
- [2022 State Water Plan](#), Texas Water Development Board, adopted July 7, 2021
- [State of Texas: Public Drinking Water Program, 2020 Annual Compliance Report](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Water Supply Division, July 1, 2021

- *TCEQ Plan: After-Action Review of Public Water Systems and Winter Storm Uri, Overview*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, May 2021
- "TCEQ: Winter Storm Exposed State's Vulnerable Water Infrastructure," Toby Baker, Executive Director, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, *Houston Chronicle*, March 13, 2021
- *2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, Drinking Water, Wastewater*, Texas 2021 Report, American Society of Civil Engineers, 2021
- *Interim Report to the 87th Texas Legislature (Interim Charge 2: Promoting the Development of Future Water Supplies, Troubled Water Systems)*, House Committee on Natural Resources, December 2020
- *Water Service Boundary Viewer, Overview*, Texas Water Development Board

Charge #5: Study municipal fees with respect to the function of the fee and the relationship of the fee to the cost of providing an associated municipal service. Make recommendations to address municipal fees that are disproportionate or unrelated to the cost of providing the associated service.

- "Costly Municipal Fines and Fees Spark a Movement for Reform," *ABA Journal*, April 1, 2021
- *Revenue Manual for Texas Cities*, Texas Municipal League, Updated November 2021
- "How Cities Work," *Texas Town & City*, January 2021
- *Municipal Fines and Fees: A 50-State Survey of State Laws*, Fines & Fees Justice Center, April 30, 2020

April 14, 2022

House Committee on *Criminal Jurisprudence*

Charge: Study the accessibility to counsel in cases involving an indigent defendant and make recommendations to improve access to counsel in these cases. Evaluate methods to improve the effectiveness of court-appointed counsel, caseload processing, caseload distribution, and the state's compliance with applicable appointment of counsel requirements.

- "2021 Year in Review" *Pleading the Sixth Blog*, Sixth Amendment Center, February 24, 2022
- "In Bexar County, A Hybrid Program to Help Indigent Defendants," *Texas Observer*, January 18, 2022
- *The Use of Remote Hearings in Texas State Courts: The Impact on Judicial Workload (Final report)*, National Center for State Courts, December 2021
- *Public Defender Primer*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, October 2020
- *Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020 (September 2019-August 2020)*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, June 1, 2021

- [Indigent Defense Data for Texas \(FY 2020\)](#), Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- [Texas Indigent Defense Commission](#)